

IN THE CLAIMS

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Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) Headphones having no headband ~~in which left and right driver units are connected by a cord passed behind a neck~~, comprising:

a left driver unit;

a right driver unit;

a cord connecting said left driver unit and said right driver unit;

a cylindrical belt in which a middle part of said cord is inserted, said cylindrical belt having a first end and a second end;

a first end member fixing said cord and said cylindrical belt in which said first end member is provided at the first end of said cylindrical belt; and

a second end member fixing said cord and said cylindrical belt in which said second end member is provided at the second end of said cylindrical belt,

~~a belt-shaped strap portion in which the middle part of said cord is inserted into a cylindrical belt and end members fixing said cord and said cylindrical belt are provided at both ends of the cylindrical belt;~~

wherein the length of the said cylindrical belt is shorter than the length of the said cord connecting the left and right driver units;

~~wherein each end member includes separate upper and lower members that are connected only to the cord and the cylindrical belt.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The headphones according to claim 2, wherein said ~~first end member includes~~ has first protrusions to fix said cord and said cylindrical belt, said first protrusions are provided on an inner surface of said first end member~~inside at least either of said end members.~~

4. (Currently Amended) Headphones having no headband in which left and right driver units are connected by a cord passed behind a neck, comprising:

a belt-shaped strap portion in which ~~the~~ a middle part of said cord is inserted into a cylindrical belt, said cylindrical belt having a first end and a second end, and an end members member provided at each of said first end and said second end of said cylindrical belt, respectively, fixing and connected to said cord and said cylindrical belt, belt are provided at both ends of the cylindrical belt is formed; and

wherein each~~said~~ end member includes separate upper and lower members, ~~and~~ protrusions to fix said cord and said cylindrical belt are provided inside each of said end members, so that when the upper and lower members of said end member are fitted together, said cord and said cylindrical belt are held to be ~~fixed~~, fixed.

~~wherein the upper and lower members of said end member are fixed by means of ultrasonic deposition, where said cord and said cylindrical belt are held to be simultaneously deposited and fixed,~~

~~wherein the upper and lower members are connected only to the cord and the cylindrical belt.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The headphones according to claim 2, ~~wherein said cord is covered with~~further comprising a first tube and a second tube each having an whose internal diameter is larger than that a diameter of said cord, said first tube and said second tube covering said cord in the vicinity of each of both ends said first end and said second end, respectively, of said cylindrical belt, and said first tube and said second tube are fixed to said cylindrical belt are fixed by said first end member and said second end member, respectively.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The headphones according to claim 2, ~~wherein additional ornaments can be attached to said strap portion~~ further comprising a ring provided at said first end member.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The headphones according to claim 7, wherein ~~when said strap portion is provided with an end member having a structure in which said additional ornaments can be attached, a hole is made in~~ said ring passes through a hole in said first end member to pass a ring.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The headphones according to claim 2, wherein an outer circumference of a cross-section of said cylindrical belt ~~the belt-shaped strap portion~~ is approximately oval ~~or approximately elongated oval~~ in shape.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The headphones according to claim 2, wherein said cylindrical belt ~~strap portion~~ is provided with a print or ornament which is pliable and flexible when being bent.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The headphones according to claim 2, wherein slip prevention processing is applied to said ~~strap portion~~ cylindrical belt.

16. – 19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The headphones according to claim 2, further comprising:

a left ear-hook portion attached to said left driver unit; and

a right ear-hook portion attached to said right driver unit.

~~left and right ear hook portions attached to said left and right driver units, respectively,
and shaped for attachment on the left and right auricles, respectively, of a user.~~

21. (New) The headphones according to claim 3, wherein said second end member has second protrusions to fix said cord and said cylindrical belt, said second protrusions are provided on an inner surface of said second end member.

22. (New) The headphones according to claim 2, wherein said first end member includes an upper member and a lower member.